

Consumer Prices

Consumer Price Index of all urban consumers [1982-84=100], selected years

GROUP	Annual average percent change from previous year			Percent change 12 months ending with December 1998
	1990	1995	1997	
All Items	5.4	2.8	2.3	1.6
Food	5.8	2.8	2.6	2.3
Food at home	6.5	3.3	2.5	2.1
Food away from home	4.7	2.3	2.8	2.5
Housing	4.5	2.6	2.6	2.3
Apparel and upkeep	4.6	-1.0	.9	-0.7
Transportation	5.6	3.6	.9	-1.7
Medical care	9.0	4.5	2.8	3.4
Entertainment	4.7	2.5	2.1	NA
Recreation	NA	1.9	2.3	1.2
Education and communication	NA	3.8	3.3	0.7
Other goods and services	4.7	4.2	4.4	8.8

Food	Price per pound unless otherwise noted (as of December in each year)			December 1998
	1990	1995	1997	
Flour, white, all purpose	\$.24	\$.24	\$.28	\$.28
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked	.49	.55	.58	.54
Spaghetti and macaroni	.85	.88	.88	.88
Bread, white	.70	.84	.88	.87
Beef, ground, uncooked	1.63	1.40	1.39	1.39
Pork chops, center cut, bone-in	3.32	3.29	3.39	3.03
Chicken, fresh, whole	.86	.94	1.00	1.06
Tuna, light, chunk	2.11	2.00	2.03	2.22
Eggs, Grade A, large, per dozen	1.00	1.16	1.17	1.09
Milk, fresh, lowfat, per gallon	NA	2.31	2.41	2.76
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick	1.92	1.73	2.46	3.18
Apples, red delicious	.77	.83	.90	.85
Bananas	.43	.45	.46	.51
Oranges, navel	.56	.64	.58	.61
Potatoes, white	.32	.38	.37	.38
Lettuce, iceberg	.58	.61	.70	.64
Tomatoes, field grown	.86	1.51	1.62	1.80
Broccoli	NA	.76	.93	.97
Carrots, short trimmed and topped	.43	.53	.50	.54
Onions, dry yellow	NA	.41	.46	NA
Orange juice, frozen concentrate per 16 oz.	2.02	1.57	1.67	1.68
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg.	.40	.39	.41	.41
Margarine, stick	.87	.79	.80	NA
Peanut butter, creamy	2.09	1.78	1.73	1.79
Coffee, 100% ground roast	2.94	3.51	4.16	3.45

NA = Data not available for publication.

Selected items from CPI Detailed Reports, Bureau of Labor Statistics, various issues. Consumer Price Index data are considered a better measure over time than actual price data. All data rounded to the nearest cent.